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Rev. R. J. Paterson,

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My dear Paterson:

I was quite interested in getting your letter and your circular. I am afraid, however that the scheme that you outline is not very practicable. Of course you may think that I am very matter of fact, tut only a college that was very highly endowed, and had on its professoriate men of distinction would draw large numbers of students, and I doubt very much whether in Jerusalem there would be the constant stimulus that would keep such a college at a high grade of efficiency. All colleges for this purpose I believe require the impetus of an atmosphere such as we produce in the activities of every day life. As a matter of fact there is now a School of Archaeology in Jerusalem. It has been in existence for many years, and until shortly before the war this University contributed $100 a year towards it. It was mainly under American auspices, its director changed frequently, and graduate students were sent to it from contributing institutions. It was really under the auspices of the Archaeological Society of America. It certainly was a most dramatic and welcome event that the British forces have occupied Jerusalem. It should introduce a new era into the East.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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